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In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: William T. Leader
MASUMITSU IWATA, et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1742
Application No.: 10/805,323	)	
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Filed: March 22, 2004	)	
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For: ZINC OXIDE FILM TREATMENT	)	
METHOD AND METHOD OF	:	
MANUFACTURING	)	
PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICE	:	
UTILIZING THE SAME	)	May 2, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than the U.S. patent documents, are enclosed. English-language abstracts for the foreign documents are also enclosed.

China 1362731, Japan 2002-237606, and Japan 2001-152390 were cited in an Official Action in a corresponding Chinese application. A copy of the Chinese Official Action, which is dated March 17, 2006, is enclosed.

Japan 2002-237606 is believed to be in the same patent family as U.S. Patent No. 6,660,931 (which was previously cited in the August 18, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement), and China 1362731 and Japan 2002-261040 are believed to be in the same patent family as U.S. Publication No. 2002/0084261.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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